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II) THE BEGINNING OF THE END: WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE WORLD? (Mark 13:5-8)

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III) SOME PEOPLE TRY TO CLAIM JESUS BELIEVES THINGS HE REALLY DOESN'T. (Mark 12:18-27)

***The marriage & resurrection question:** We must understand Scripture and the power of God through Christ.

IV) SOME PEOPLE ARE WIDE-OPEN TO GOD'S TRUTH AND RECEIVE HIM. (Mark 12:28-34)

***The Great Commandments:** Loving God and loving others is the basis of living for and following Christ.

V) SOME PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY TO LISTEN TO THE TEACHING OF GOD'S WORD. (Mark 12:35-40)

***The point of the Psalm 110:1 quotation:** Jesus is ultimately the SON OF GOD AND THE LORD OF ALL.

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Sacrifice For The Kingdom Of God

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- 2) Kingdom Entry Rests on ____GOD____ Alone.
- 3) You can give up everything here and now and be eternally____ RICH____.
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II) Death Brings ____LIFE____: (Mark 10:32-34)

- 1) Only when we die to this ____LIFE____ are we alive in His Kingdom.

III) Service Brings ____GREATNESS____: (Mark 10:35-45)

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II) SOME OF THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD (Mark 9:30–10:16)

- 1) The basis of the kingdom of God is the DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. (Mark 9:30-32)
- 2) The greatest in the kingdom of God is the PERSON WITH SERVANT-LIKE HUMILITY. (Mark 9:33-37)
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- 4) The character of the kingdom of God is A STRONG AVERSION TO SIN. (Mark 9:42-50)
- 5) The nature of the kingdom of God is A RESTORATION OF GOD'S ORIGINAL ORDER.
(Mark 10:1-12, see also Matthew 19:1-9)
- 6) The entrance requirement into the kingdom of God is CHILD-LIKE FAITH. (Mark 10:13-16)

III) HOW READY ARE YOU FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD? (application)

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(Mark 6:45-56)

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"Mark: The Son Of God Who Serves", Part 5

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